

REMARKS

In the non-final office action mailed November 28, 2006, the Examiner allowed claims 1-8 and 13-20, and rejected claims 9-12. Applicant has amended claim 9. Claims 1-20 remain pending. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks set forth in this Reply.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 112 – CLAIMS 9-12

The Examiner rejected claims 9-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite. With respect to claim 9, the Examiner noted that the claim does not include any claim limitations that would create an action to perform an update to a local cache. (Office Action, page 2, item 4). The Examiner rejected claims 10-12 as being dependent on a rejected base claim. While Applicant does not concede the correctness of these rejections, Applicant has nevertheless amended claim 9 to include actions that indicate an update to a local cache. The amendment adds no new matter. Support for the amendment to claim 9 may be found throughout the originally filed specification, including at claim 1, at Fig. 4, and at page 9, line 1, to page 10, line 12. Applicant submits that the amendment addresses the indefiniteness concerns expressed by the Examiner.

Applicant believes that all of the issues with respect to the indefiniteness rejections of claims 9-12 have been addressed. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and remove the rejections of claims 9-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

CONCLUSION

Claims 9-12 are believed to be in condition for allowance. As such, Applicant requests that the Examiner allow claims 9-12.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or

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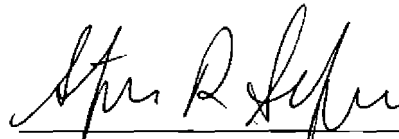
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other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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Respectfully submitted,

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